

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. This is an Examiner's statement of reason for allowance.
2. Regarding the claimed terms, the Examiner notes that a "general term must be understood in the context in which the inventor presents it." *In re Glaug* 283 F.3d 1335, 1340, 62 USPQ2d 1151, 1154 (Fed. Cir. 2002). Therefore the Examiner must interpret the claimed terms as found on pages 1-16 of the specification. Clearly almost all the general terms in the claims may have multiple meanings. So where a claim term "is susceptible to various meanings, . . . the inventor's lexicography must prevail . . . ." *Id.* Using these definitions for the claims, the claimed invention was not reasonably found in the prior art.
3. The closest prior art Liverance (U.S. Pat. No. 5,370,399) which discloses a system/method for receiving payment for a predetermined number of slot machine outcomes. However, Liverance singularly or in combination fails to disclose the recited feature:

As per claims 1, 13, 29, 34, 35 and 36 "calculate a speed of game play for the plurality pf plays based on a number pf plays per unit time, causing the at least one processor to execute the plurality of instructions to determine a pay schedule for at least one subsequent based on the calculated speed of game play, and causing at least one display, wherein a player payout percentage defined by the determined pay schedule

for the at least one subsequent play is greater for a first speed of game play than for a second speed of game play, the first speed being greater than the second speed".

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 571 272 6706. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00. Hotelier.

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